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SUBJECT GENERAL REDSOX/AESAURUS/LCIMPROVE

SPECIFIC Sergei Konstantinovich MAREEV (MAREYEV)

REFERENCE: A. ESBW 2343, 8 December 1954
B. DIR 48498, 15 April 1955

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1. Given herein is a complete and detailed compilation of all information available at Headquarters on Sergei Konstantinovich MAREEV, born Perovo, 4 February 1917.

2. This information is submitted for the following reasons:

a. Subject's possible connection with Yakov Yakovlevich LNU.
(See Reference B.)

b. Subject's present assignment as Second Secretary of the Soviet Legation, Berne.

c. Subject's unusual activity during the past few years. It is probable that, although Subject travelled as a courier, he was actually an inspector checking on the security of Soviet installations and personnel. (See Reference A.)

3. A chronological summary of information available at Headquarters on Subject's activities follows:

a. 19 September 1950: Arrived in New York on HMS Queen Elizabeth as a delegate (Third Secretary) to the U.N. General Assembly, Fifth Session, at New York, September 1950. Subject had previously been an attache in the Soviet Legation, Wellington, New Zealand.

b. 21 October 1950: Subject departed from New York aboard the SS Stockholm.

c. 13 December 1950: Subject, holding diplomatic passport No. 01123, left New York aboard the SS America for the USSR.

d. 27 August 1951: Subject arrived in New York on HMS Queen Elizabeth holding diplomatic passport No. 01123. He was assigned as a member of the Soviet Delegation to the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference in San Francisco.

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e. 15 September 1951: Departed from New York aboard the SS Ile de France for the USSR.

f. 2 May 1952: Arrived in Peshawar from Kabul as a courier from the Soviet Embassy at Kabul. Subject held diplomatic passport No. 02514 issued on 12 March 1952. His passport number has also been given as No. 02517.

g. 13 May 1952: Subject left Karachi by air for New Delhi.

h. 26 May 1952: Subject left Rangoon by air for Bangkok.

i. 21 June 1952: Subject left Bangkok by air for Calcutta.

j. 27 July 1952: Subject arrived in Rome by air from Sydney via Singapore.

k. 1 October 1952: Subject left Lebanon by air for Damascus and Cairo.

l. 16 October 1952: Arrived by air in Addis Ababa with Yuri KANABEYEV, ostensibly another Soviet courier. Subject and KANABEYEV brought a combined total of 120 pounds of luggage. When the two couriers left Addis Ababa by air for Cairo on 27 October, they brought out only one small piece of luggage of unknown weight. Neither the Subject nor KANABEYEV were travelling on passports in the normal diplomatic courier series. This fact, plus their protracted stay in Addis Ababa from 16 to 27 October might indicate that they were inspectors checking on the security of Soviet installations and personnel.

m. 27 October 1952: Subject departed from Addis Ababa by air for Cairo.

n. 29 October 1952: Subject arrived in Rome by air from Cairo bearing diplomatic passport No. 02517.

o. 4 November 1952: Subject arrived in Rome by air from Tel Aviv.

p. 10 November 1952: Subject arrived in Rome by air from Lydda, Israel bearing diplomatic passport No. 02514 and passport No. 14781.

q. 12 November 1952: Subject arrived in Rome by air from Tel Aviv.

r. 11 June 1953: Arrived in Berne as new Second Secretary of the Soviet Legation. Subject and his wife took up residence at Brunnandernrain No. 37, the building housing the Soviet Legation staff.

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s. In August 1954, Subject was observed at the Berne Stadium with Aleksandr Yefremovitch ABRAMOV and Yakov Yakovlevich LNU, both Soviet officials. A report dated 28 February 1955 states that contrary to previous information Subject is still in Berne and that his functions include keeping a watch on the personnel of the Soviet Mission in that city.

4. Subject's status has been defined by various sources as follows:

a. PETROV has furnished information on Subject, contained in Reference A, which has already been sent to Berne, and is being sent herewith to Frankfurt. That information is classified Top Secret and may not be disseminated to any person or agency outside KUBARK.

b. AEDIPPER 19 when shown a photograph of Subject could not recall the name, but did recognize the face and believes him to be an SCD/MVD man.

c. AEDIPPER 20 stated when shown Subject's photograph that he could not recall the name but had seen the man.

5. Headquarters will debrief AESMITE on any knowledge he may have of Subject and will forward the results of this check to the ☐ ☐

6. Transmitted herewith are photographs of Subject for ☐ ☐ and Frankfurt. It is requested that the ☐ ☐ forward to Headquarters as soon as possible any new information which is now available or may be obtained on Subject.

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Traces on Sergei MAREYEV, Second Secretary
Soviet Embassy, Bern

1. Vladimir PETROV, the Soviet diplomat who recently defected in Australia, has stated that Sergei MAREYEV, Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Bern, went to Australia in 1952 as a diplomatic courier with the task of inspecting the code sections of the Soviet Embassies in Canberra and Wellington on behalf of the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs. According to PETROV, MAREYEV is now in charge of the code section of the Soviet Embassy in Switzerland. He is a regular employee of the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Unfortunately, this information cannot be passed to liaison at present since it is classified TOP SECRET/US OFFICIALS ONLY.

2. Yuri RASTVOROV, the Soviet political advisor who recently defected in Japan, claims to recognize MAREYEV's photograph and believes that he belonged to the Second Chief Directorate of the MVD, probably at the time it was collecting foreign intelligence. The information in this paragraph, including the identity of the source, may be passed to liaison. The classification of this paragraph is SECRET.

3. Headquarters Comment: We realize that RASTVOROV's comment assigning MAREYEV to the Second Directorate of the MVD may be taken to conflict with PETROV's assertion that MAREYEV is a regular employee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but we are passing along both comments as received for what they are worth, without attempting to bring them into line. It may be that MAREYEV is an MVD employee under foreign service cover, since this frequently occurs, but in this case it would not be accurate to term him a "regular employee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs."

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